RAILWAY FARE

Passenger Bureau of Exposition, Headed by H. W. Fuller, Working Out Tariff System.

ST. LOUIS RATES THE BASIS

To This Exposition Lowest Fare Was One Cent for Every Mile Traveled.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., January 17.—Members of the Jamestown Exposition Passenger Bureau, which is composed of the general passenger agents of all rail and water transportation lines with terminals at Norfolk, were in conference here to-day. H. W. Fuller, general passenger agent of the Ciff-sapeake and Ohio Railroad, is the president of the bureau, and called the meeting to order.

The chief work before the bureau to-day was the devising of an exposition passenger tariff sheet. While it was discussed at length, the tariff was not completed. It was stated that rates would be about on a par with the rates that were established to St. Louis in 1994.

After the compiling of the schedule by the bureau it will be referred to the various passenger associations throughout the country for adoption or rejection. The lowest rate fixed for St. Louis was one cent for every mile traveled, going and coming.

d coming. Ticket-scalpers will be considered by

the passenger men to-morrow. An effort will be made to have them abolished for the exposition. About twenty general passenger agents and others attended the

Post-Office Clerks Organize

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The clerks of the Portsmouth postoffice have organized, and are now a
branch of the United States National
Post-Office Clerks of America. Every
clerk in the Portsmouth office has become a member of the branch. The officers elected are as follows: William M.
Fearing, president; Charles, Morgan, vicepresident; J. H. Scott, secretary; Miss
Annie H. Williams, assistant secretary.
Resolutions endorsing the Wilson bill,
which provides for increased compensation
for postal clerks, were adopted.

The machinists of the city have joined
the boiler-makers in their strike. They
asked an increase in wages from \$2.75 to
\$3 a day. This being refused by the employers, the men walked out. Negotiations for a settlement are proceeding, but
they have as yet resulted in no progress.
About seventy-five men are said to be involved in the strike.

Entertainers Entertained.

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(Special to The Times Dispatch.)

WEST I VOINT. VA. January II.—

those young ladies and gentlemen as
isting in the entertainment Fridaylisting in the entertainment Fridaylisting in the benefit of the Virginia

ore Lodge of Rebekah, were enterained Monday night at the Rebekah

fall, and treated to ice-cream and cake.

Mr. John Tyree, a West Point young

nan, who has been employed in the

southern Express office here with Mr.,

Welford Owens for two winters and

n summer as local freight agent at the

feepot, was telegraphed for this week to

sold a position in the superintendent's

office at Charlotte, N. C. He left at once

o accept that position. News has come

hat he was found worthy, and has been

made cashler of the Southern Express

Company at High Point, N. C.

Ompany at High Point, N. C.

Mrs. Eugene Wilder, of Irvington, Va.

ng her son Hunter are the guests of

firs. C. C. Roberts this week.

Dr. George W. Richardson left Monday

norning for quite an extended business

rip.

Mrs. Walter E. Lipscomb, Mrs. Rosa

ck.

It Point people are enjoying fresh
eggs and turnip salad, and there
been a few broiling chickens soid.

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been.

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Irs. Nannie Gouldman, from upper ig William, is visiting her brother, Joseph U. Feez.

Irs. A. Julian Bagby is quite sick.

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Irs. Lucy Byrd Dudley received a vivenir jostal from Havana, Cuba, from c son Douglass this week. He was ployed in Newport News and took vantage of the many opportunities gred there to take a trip.

Mr. Blair, the representative of the terstate Bank, is in West Point on isiness relative to the establishment of branch of that bank here in the near ture.

Eckes of Gloucester, sperit

future.

Rev. R. A. Folkes, of Gloucester, spent
Sunday night in town with his son, Dr.
L. S. Folkes.

LAD GOES TO JURY.

Silas Tackett, Who Killed Playmate, Will Have to Stand Trial.

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[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
OSBORN'S GAP, VA. January 17.—
Silas Tackett, the youth who shot and killed his playmate, Gilbert Reed, was brought from Wise county, whither he had fled after the killing, by Sheriff Fleming. A preliminary hearing was had before Mayor Friar, of Cintwood, and Justice Adams. The evidence was against him, and the court sent his case to the grand jury, which will be impaneled at the January term of Judge Skeen's court. Bonu was given for his appearance and the accused was allowed to go. The affair has created quite a sensation throughout this section.

James Nelson Bailed.
BRISTOL, VA., January 17.—James Nelson, the young man who is charged with having killed Dr. J. C. Anderson, a prominent physician at Gate City, Va., recently, has been released from jail on bond of \$2,500. The grand Jury will investigate the case next month.

Married in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 17.—The following Virginiaus were married in Washington on yesterday: Robert H. Burgess, of Lottsburg Post-ordice, Vn., and Mary M. Patterson, of this city.

Ward R. Sibley and Mary SeVard, both of Middlesex county, Vs.

Joseph Harris, of Occoquan, Va., and Ida L.

Nash, of Agnewville, Va.

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ORDERS

Number of True Bills Brought In. Poarch Trial in February.

TO JAIL FOR STEALING HENS

Young White Men Get Thirty Days Each and Are Fined.

PETERSBURG. VA., January 1.—
The January term of the Hustings
Court began to-day, Judge Mullen presiding. The grand jury indictments
were as follows: Emmett Poarch BenJamin Lyon, John Belcher, Walter
Beasley, Robert Maya, all white, felony: true bills. Willie Jones, Lee
Hather Jones, Samuel Tucker, Colored,
felony: true bills. Willie Jones, Lee
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felony: true bills.

Marvin K. Suter and Joseph Gregory,
young white men, pleaded gnite to
breaking into a room at Mrs. McGee's
boarding-house, on Tabb Street, and
stealing a watch, and the coart sertenced cach to six months' imprisonment in city jail and imposed a fire
of \$5 and costs in each case. The offense was committed several months
ago, and Suter and Gregory were arrested a few days ago in acksonville,
Fla., and returned to Petersourg for
trial. Suter's home is in North Carclina, and Gregory stated that he was
from Norfolk county.

MAY GO TO REFORMATORY,
Robert Mayes, aged sixteen year,
pleaded guilty to breaking into the

from Norfolk county.

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Robert Mayes, aged sixteen years, pleaded guilty to breaking into the bicycle store of W. F. Airidge, on Oak Street, and stealing a bloycle and several other articles. The court did not pass sentence, and it is probable an effort will be made to have the young man sent to the reformatory.

John Beicher and Walter Brasle, young white men, were indicted for breaking into the hennery of Mrs. Mary Johnson, in Battersea, and stealing three heas. Belcher plead guilty. Beasley said "not guilty," and his case went to the jury, who, after hearing cvidence, returned a verdict of guilty, as charged in the indictment, and ilsed his punishment at thirty days in jail and a fine of \$5. The court the realized his punishment at the count threating assessed similar fine.

The cases of the Commonwealth against Emmett Poarch, charged with wife-murder, and Benjamin Lyon, indicted for grand larceny, were continued until February 4th. The accused are young white men.

From Port Fisher.

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Carolina, stopped over in Petersburg to-day and visited the "Crater" battlafeld and Blandford Cemetery. Among those in the party were Rev. George B. Fairhead, of Utica, N. Y. both of Millington, of Rome, N. Y. both of Millington of Rome, N. Y. both of Millington, of Rome, N. Y. both of Blandford Cemetery.

At the rectory of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Wednesday night Mr. William J. O'Nell and Miss Mary A. Cardwell, both of Ettrick, were united in marriage, Rev. Father O'Farrell performing the ceremony. Mr. Edgar Tucker and Miss Nora Perkinson were the attendants. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Emmett Cardwell, of Ettrick. The groom is a popular young employe of the C. D. Kenny Company in this city. Mr. and Mrs. O'Nell will be at home to their friends after Sunday, January 20th, on Main Street, Ettrick.

Mr. John F. Walsh, a former Petersburger, died yesterday at his home in Newport News. and the body will be brought to Petersburg for burial.

SCHOONER J. L. SNOW IS A TOTAL LOSS

NORFOLK, VA., January 17.—The schooner J. L. Snow, ashore near Portsmouth, N. C., is a total loss. Advices from wreckers to the Norfolk office of Merritt & Chapman to-night say the vessel has filled with water, and has been abandoned.

ELECTRIC WIRE KILLS

Shearer-Kent.

candescent light in his hand, examining the inside of a barrel, when he received the shock. It is suposed that the light wire was crossed by a high tension wire

Shearer—Kent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST VA., January 17.—Mr. S.
E. Shearer, of Lynchburg, and Miss
Minnie Kent, of this place, were married at Ascension Church here to-night
by Rev A. P. Gray. The couple left
home in Lynchburg. The marriage was
quite a surprise to many people. Mr.
Shearer is a member of the firm of
Shearer Brothers & Franklin, clothers,
of Lynchburg. The bride is a very
popular young lady of this county.

MASSIC—KRIGET.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA. January 17.—
The residence of Mrs. Charles Edward
Ritter was the scene of a pretty wedding this evening, when her daughter,
Miss Clara Virginia Ritter, became the
bride of Thomas William Massic, also
of Winchester. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Northern, pastoformed by Rev. E. E. Northern, pastofor the First Baptist Church, and was
followed by a supper. Mr. and Mrs.
Massic will reside here.

Virginia Bonds Listed.

VITGINIA DONUS LISTEM.
BOSTON, MASS. January, 17.—The
Boston Stock Exchange has just listed
the 5 per cent first mortgage gold
bonds of the Norfolk and Portsmouth
Traction Company. They are already
tisted on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. According to the statement
filed for listing, earnings from January
lat to November 30th, 1906, were \$518777. net.

TO AVOID KILLING MAN KILLS HIMSELF

Mr. C. Risley Collins Shot by His Own Gun in a Peculiar Manner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MEHERRIN, VA., January 17.—Mr. C.
Risley Collins, a contractor on the Tidewater Railroad, accidentally shot himself last night about 8 o'clock, at his camps, just above this place. Mr. Collins was attempting to drive away a negro from a camp just above him, who was at his stable, shooting and using bad language.

When the negro turned and began curving him and threatened to shoot him, he sent his man for his gun, and upon his return he was anxious to make the negro move without shooting him, and as a result reversed the gun and struck the negro a heavy blow, which caused one of the barrels to go off, and the entire load entered his abdomen, killing him almost instantly. The gun stock was broken from the force of the lick, and the negro was knocked down, but soon got up, and up to this time no clue of him can be found.

Mr. Collins was a young contractor, about thirty-five years old, and was from Bowling Green, Va. He was a hard

about thirty-five years old, and was from Bowling Green, Va. He was a hard worker and one of the most popular young men in this section. His remains will be sent home for burial.

GAPT, DILLINGHAM LEAVES THE FRANKLIN

Master of the Receiving Ship

Master of the Receiving Ship Goes to New York—Captain Coles Succeeds Him.

NORPOLK, VA. January 17—A passenger about the Old Domition steam of the Steam of the Cole Domition steam of the Steam of the Steam of the Cole Domition steam of the Steam of the

Charles Pough; two daughters, Gertrade and Annie, and two brothers, Jonah Pough, of New Jersey, and Frank Pough, of Arkansas, survive. He was about fifty-nine years of age.

HECHLER APPEARS

of the treasurer's office and before. Mr. O'Fiaherty led up to the time of appointment of Mr. Heckler, and referred to the admitted fact that the late treasurer had overpaid the State of Virginia some \$8,000 for 1905 tax tickets, which taxes had not been paid at the time of Mr. Todd's death, and which were claimed as due to the Todd estate on their payment. The late treasurer's accounts were known to be otherwise involved, and the administrator of the estate has not as yet entirely settled with the county, although it is now hoped that the estate will pay out in full.

Testimony Begins.

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The first witness called was Mr. Thomas Boudar, of the firm of Boudar and Company, expert accountants. The reports of Boudar and Company, after auditing the accounts of the trensurer's office, were produced and verified by Mr. Boudar.

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The report of the supervisors showed that on September 29, 1995, the treasurer had on hand for the county and school funds, \$15.74.85, and that on that date the amount of eash on hand and in bank amounted to \$18,22.51, or \$2.48.95 in excess of the amount due by the treasurer to the county. It was further stated in the report, however, that the amount in bank and on hand included \$5.65.52, which Mr. Hechler owed the Todd estate as trustee, which fact, if proved, makes Mr. Hechler's deficit to the county on September 20th, \$2.573.85.

It is claimed by the board of cupervisors that this money-\$6.657.52-was State taxes advanced by the late Mr. Todd, which Mr. Hechler is engaged in cellecting from the property-owners and which is due to tha Todd estate. The atterney for the defense endeavored to show that Mr. Hechler held this amount as an individual and personal transaction, acting as agent of the Todd estate, and not as treasurer of the county.

Mr. Thos. Boudar, however, testified that the money for all accounts was kept in one bank account, on which all checks were drawn, and that no accurate memorandim of the balance in bank from day to day was kept, and that the bank-book at the State bank had not been written up since Mr. Hechler went into office last March. Mr. Boudar further testified that when Mr. Hechler was told by the accountants of the apparent shortage in his account ha claimed that he could and would raise the money frough the State Bank at any time he was called upon to do so, and was able and willing to meet any obligation for which he was responsible.

Laxity of System.

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A decree of the court dated November 1st, in the suit of Todd against Todd, in settlement of the Todd estate, was introduced, in which Mr. Hechler was directed to turn the \$5.05.52 which he held as trustee for the Todd estate, over to the county as part of the county's claim against the estate, and this Mr. Newber, did as shown by Mr. Bouldar. Hechler did, as shown by Mr. Boudar's

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To show the larity in the system of bookseping which has been employed during Mr. Hechler's term as treasurer Mr. Boular testified that at the time of his examination in the latter part of Ochis e

his examination in the latter part of toe toher he found in the safe in the treasurer's office an item of \$2,916.93, which had been turned over at the time Mr. Heeh ler went into office, and which he had allowed to remain idle through two years, or since he succeeded Todd as treasurer. When asked whether or not Mr. Heehler had acted in good faith during the examination of his accounts Mr. Boudar replied in the affirmative, and said "When we showed to Mr. Hechler notes that he had been holding and which had been collected prior to the close of the fiscal year, he replied that he had held the notes in order to save discount, and that he had thought he had a right to do so, since he was held responsible for the funds. We saw nothing to indicate bad faith, and he was always ready to answer any question put to him in regard to the accounts."

Mr. Boudar continued, "The so-called Mr. Boudar continued, "The so-caired auditor of the bonding company of Mr. Hechler's bond, told me himself, 'I am no auditor. I am going to take your figures. My place is to gather up the assets of the defaulters, not to audit books."

No Intentional Wrong.

Mr. Henry B. Boudar, senior member of the firm of accountants, was the next wit-

ness.
Mr. Boudar confirmed the evidence of his son, but opened his evidence with a statement that he had that morning dis-covered a discrepancy in the amount of ably to the accountants taking the state-ment as of October ist instead of Septem-ber 30th, which Mr. Bouder stated would ber 30th, which Mr. Boudar stated would increase the shortage of Treasurer Hechler by \$605.42, making the deficit \$4,177.28.
Mr. Henry Boudar further testified that in his opinion Mr. Hechler had not intentionally used funds which did not belong to him, but that he kept no cash account; that his books were a mere pretense, and that his worthless system of bookkeeping was mainly responsible for the accusations made, and that he had entirely overlooked the law, which resultibled a county treasurer from using

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funds in his hands for any other purpose than that provided by law. "No matter how honest Mr. Hechler might be, this matter of collections for the Todd estate is not shown on the books," he said, Mr. W. C. Saunders, of Glen Allen, a member of the board of supervisors, appointed to confer with Mr. Hechler as to a better system of bookkeeping, was then sworn. Mr. Saunders testified that Mr. Hechler had acknowledged to the board of supervisors the shortage of more than three thousand dollars, but claimed that he could make good the amount at any time. Mr. Saunders testified further:

"Mr. Hechler said he had used the money, and that he had a credit at the State Bank of three thousand dollars, which would cover the shortage. Mr. Hechler said he had used it to save discount on some individual notes. Mr. Hechler did not make any claim before the board that it was any one else's money than the county's money. He said he had used it to save discount."

The petition of Hechler, treasurer, in the suit of W. R. Todd and others against Isadora Todd and others was read.

MADE IN RICHMOND

Treasurer on Stand.

Mr. H. C. Hechler was then sworn and placed on the witness stand. Mr. Hechler seemed unable to follow the questions of the attorneys, and showed considerable lack of knowledge of the conduct of his office, repeatedly referring the questioners to his deputy, Mr. Todd, who, he explained, "kept the books." Mr. Hechler testified that at no time had he loaned the money of his office to outsiders, but admitted under questioning that Charlie Hechler, his nephew, owed the Todd estate some eight or nine hundred dollars, and that he had taken Charlie Hechler's note for the amount, thereby advancing money to the Todd estate in liquidation of this claim. Mr. Hechler, in answer to questions, stated that the money for payment of the note was paid by him from the treasury, he could not say by cash or cheek, nor could he say from what account it was gotten, it having hear, raid out of the general fund al-

by cash or check, nor could he say from what account it was gotten, it having been paid out of the general fund, although possibly it might have come from the funds due the Todd estate in the hands of the treasurer.

Mr. Hechler explained that the money due the Todd estate was, as shown by the suit and decree in the case of Tod1 against Todd, for State taxes advanced by the late treasurer, which there was no other way to collect than by going through the hands of the present treasurer. Mr. Hechler said the attorney for the Todd estate had cautioned him not to pay out any money he held on this account, either on State or county warrants, but to hold it for a decree of court.

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Counsel here engaged in a wrangle as to the commissions of Hechler on taxes due the Todd estate. Mr. Hechler testified that, having used a part of the Todd funds, he had deposited a personal note, covered by collateral, to make good the amount when Boudar and Company called attention to the matter.

Questioned by Mr. Wendenburg, Mr. Hechler said that when he took charge of the office all State tax bills not paid were turned over to him in his capacity as treasurer, and he had no way of telling whether the accounts belonged to the State of Virginia or the Todd estate.

Individual Note.

As to the note deposited, Mr. Hechler test ed that the note, less discount, amounting to \$2,420 "or some such matter," was an individual note, and explained that a party for whom held a note, went out of business and that he had taken up this note signed by his son, and that it was received at State Bank by collateral. This note, he said, had been running for some time. He did not remember how the account was paid, and did not know whether it was cash or eneck. "I don't keep any private bank," said Mr. Hechler. "I had some and another small one and just them go on in."

Here the counsel became involved in a considerable tangle of figures as to complete the commissions of Mr. Hechler on tax

a considerable tangle of figures as to various notes, and their discounts, the commissions of Mr. Hechler on tax collections, etc. Mr. Wendenburg then led a series of questions, showing 'y Mr. Hechler's testimony that the admitted shortage according to the Boudar report was \$3,573, which was increased by the error found that morning amounting to \$602.88, and by Mr. Hechler's testimony that he had overpaid the State on tax collections \$1,767.29, making a total of \$5,943.46 paid out for other than purpose provided by law.

Mr. Wendenburg endeavored to show by testimony of Mr. Hechler that the notes mentioned had been discounted together with items amounting to \$4.

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recalled to the stand to explain certain entries, and witness testified that he would stand by his report in every par-The hearing will be cesumed this morn-

THE TOXAWAY HOTEL COMPANY IN TROUBLE

Application to Have This Company Declared Bankrupt Filed With Court. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 17.—Application to have the Toxaway Hotel Company declared a bankrupt, and to appoint a trustee to take charge of the property, has been filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court by Charles N. Malone and J. C. Martin, as attorneys for various creditors. The petition sets out that the company is indebted to creditors in an amount exceeding \$1,000, the statutory requirement, and that it failed to pay its debts, and the creditors are in danger of loss, The application was sent to Judge James E. Hoyd, at Greensboro, for adjudication. ASHEVILLE, N. C., January 17 .-- Ap-

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